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St. James's, February 2.

THIS Day the Knights Brethren of the moſt ancient and moſt noble Order of the Thiſtle, being ſummoned to attend at a Chapter of that Order, to fill up the Stalls that were vacant by the Deaths of the late Marqueſs of Lothian, Earl of Tankervile, and Duke of Athol; His Majeſty was pleaſed for this Time to diſpence with the Formality of their appearing in their Robes, and only held a private Chapter of the Order in his Cloſet, where the Right Honourable the Earls of Eſſex and Dalkeith had the Honour to be inveſted with the Green Ribbon by the Hands of the Sovereign, and by a particular Diſpenſation, were allowed forthwith to wear the Star of the Order; and at the ſame, the Sovereign was alſo pleaſed by Commiſſion to appoint the Right Honourable Alexander Earl of Marchmont, His Majeſty's firſt Ambaſſadour and Plenipotentiary at the Congreſs at Cambray, to be inveſted with the ſaid Order, which will ſpeedily be ſent to him.

St. James's, the 5th Day of *February*, 1724.

His Majeſty in Council was this Day pleaſed to appoint Richard Smith of Padbury, Eſq; Sheriff of the County of Bucks.

Madrid, Jan. 22, *N. S.* Some Days ago an Auto de Fé was held at Cuença, when (among others) Doctor Zapata, a famous Phyſician of this Town, who was ſeized about three Years ago by the Inquiſition and kept in cloſe Priſon, received his Sentence; by which he was condemned to a Year's Penance, to be during that Time inſtructed by ſome learned Divine, half of his Money and Effects confiſcated, and to be baniſhed for ten Years from reſiding in this or any other of the chief Cities in Spain. On the 16th Inſtant the Marqueſs de Almonaci and Caſtel Rodrigo died ſuddenly, being upwards of 80 Years of Age: He was the oldeſt Counſellour of State, and was formerly Maſter of the Horſe to the Queen of Spain, which Employment he could not attend for ſeveral Years paſt by reaſon of his Infirmities: He has left great Part of his Eſtate to the Children of the late Prince Pio, whoſe Mother he had married. The 20th Inſtant being the Birth-Day of the Infante Don Carlos, there was a great Appearance at the Pardo of all the foreign Miniſters and the Nobility to pay their Compliments to their Catholick Majeſties on that Occaſion. Letters from Cadiz of the 15th Inſtant adviſe, that the two Spaniſh Men of War, the Brandon and Oneto, ſo long deſigned to go to the Weſt-Indies to cruize againſt the Pyrates in thoſe Parts, ſailed out of that Port the 14th Inſtant with a Regiſter-Ship and two Advice-Boats, under the Command of the Count de Clavijo.

Whitehall, Feb. 3, 1724.

Whereas His Majeſty's Exchequer was broke open between Monday Noon and this Morning, and a conſiderable Sum of Money was taken out of the Office of the Right Honourable the Lord William Powlet: This is to give Notice, That if any Perſon concerned in the ſaid Felony, or being any ways privy thereto, by adviſing or contriving the ſame, will ſurrender himſelf and make a free Diſcovery of his Accomplice or Accomplices, ſo as they or any one of them ſhall be apprehended and convicted for the ſame, ſuch Perſon, whether concerned in the ſaid Felony, or in adviſing, contriving, or being privy thereto, ſhall have His Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon; and as a further Encouragement ſhall have a Reward of One Thouſand Pounds, to be paid by the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury. And if any other Perſon or Perſons ſhall diſcover, apprehend, and convict any Perſon or Perſons concerned in the ſaid Felony, he or they ſhall receive the like Reward of One Thouſand Pounds, to be paid in like Manner.

TOWNSHEND.

General Poſt-Office, Jan. 22, 1724-5.

Whereas the Cheſter Mail was robbed this Morning about Four a-Clock by two Highway-men, who overtook the Poſt-Boy between Redbourn and St. Albans, the one of them a luſty Man mounted upon a bay Horſe in a looſe Riding Coat, and a double-breaſted Coat with Braſs Buttons under it; the other a litile Man mounted upon a grey Horſe, alſo in a looſe Riding Coat, who after having diſmounted and bound the Boy, rifled the Mail, and took out moſt of the Bags, which they put into other Bags of their own, and tied them behind upon their Horſes, and rode off towards St. Albans: This is to give Notice, That if any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall apprehend the ſaid Highwaymen who have committed this Robbery, will, upon their being convicted, be intituled to the Reward of Two Hundred Pounds for each of them, as publiſhed in the Gazettes, over and above the Rewards given by Act of Parliament for Apprehending of Highway-men: Or if either of them, or any Perſon concerned with them as an Accomplice, ſhall make a Diſcovery of them, or either of them, or any of their Accomplices, ſo as they may be convicted, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo making the Diſcovery ſhall not only be intituled to the Rewards above-mentioned for each Perſon convicted, but ſhall alſo be intituled to a Pardon, as promiſed in the Gazettes by His Majeſty's ſpecial Command.

South-Sea-Houſe, Jan. 28, 1724-5.

The General Court of the South-Sea Company held at Merchant Taylors Hall having this Day come to the following Reſolution, viz.

That it be referred to the Court of Directors at any Time on or before the laſt Day of March next, to Compound or Agree with the Borrowers on the Company's Loan in the Year 1720, in ſuch Manner as they ſee Reaſonable,

The Court of Directors of the ſaid Company think fit to publiſh the ſaid Reſolution for the Information of all Perſons concerned.

South-Sea-Houſe, London, Feb. 4, 1724-5.

The Court of Directors of the South-Sea Company give Notice, That they have appointed their Caſhire to attend every Day (Sundays and Holidays excepted) between the Hours of Ten in the Forenoon and Two in the Afternoon, at the ſaid Company's-Houſe in Broad-ſtreet, in order to receive ſuch Propoſals as ſhall be offered by, or on behalf of the Borrowers on the ſaid Company's Loan in the Year 1720, purſuant to a Reſolution of the General Court held the 28th of January laſt, in that Behalf: And that a Committee is appointed to ſit at the ſame Houſe, every Tueſday, between the ſame Hours, in order to conſider ſuch Propoſals.

Truſtees-Office South-Sea-Houſe, Feb. 5, 1724.

The Truſtees appointed by Act of Parliament for Raiſing Money on the Eſtates of the late Directors of the South-Sea Company and others do hereby give Notice, That the Court of Directors of the ſaid Company hath come to ſeveral Reſolutions touching the Debts, Eſtates, Intereſts, or Incumbrances claimed by the Perſons following on the Eſtates herein mentioned veſted in the ſaid Truſtees, viz. A Reſolution on the Claim of John Cater, a Reſolution on the Claim of Sir William Scawen, and a Reſolution on the Claim of Dame Mary Hamond, ſeverally, on the Eſtate late of Sir William Hamond, Kt. a Reſolution on the Claim of Francis Neale on the Eſtate late of John Gore, Eſq; a Reſolution on the Claim of Nathaniel